CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

Monday, February 27, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

On March 1st, 2017, members of the SIU community will join together for an extraordinary day of giving back. The goal is simple: to inspire Salukis everywhere to come together, demonstrate their pride for SIU, and provide essential funding to support SIU students and help shape the University. Please mark your calendar and help us reach our goals. Your gift will help us continue to open doors for SIU students. Bookmark this link: [http://www.siuf.org/priorities/applied-sciences-and-arts/](http://www.siuf.org/priorities/applied-sciences-and-arts/) today to make your donation on March 1st.

Everyone knows the budget situation for campus and the state. We rely more than ever on donations to cover many things that were once part of the regular budget. Donations given on March 1 will enhance both our activities and scholarship efforts. I ask that faculty members please think about making a donation to campus that day. I am not asking for a specific amount. Our goal instead is to get as many donations from faculty members as possible. A gift in any size will help achieve that goal! Together, in just one day, we can create opportunities for students. Please click the video on this page: [https://siuday.siu.edu/giving-day/1003/department/1378](https://siuday.siu.edu/giving-day/1003/department/1378) and experience the numerous doors that are waiting to open at SIU. As of this morning the video on this page has not been updated yet and the accounts associated to each priority are only partially correct. We will ask the SIU Foundation to update these page and information soon. Let’s make an impact on today’s students and future Salukis.

In order to help engage our students in this event, I would like to ask each department/school to setup a table in or outside the department/school office, greeting and communicating to students to have them tweet, snap, post, like, etc. with various social media about giving back to CASA/SIU. The College will reward $100 to a department/school with the first 25 donors.
CONGRATULATIONS

• Dr. Rolando Gonzalez-Torres, Associate Professor of Architecture, has a paper titled “Citizen’s Participation and Social Sustainability in the Making of the Built Environment” which passed the examination of the Research Review Committee, and it will be published on Journal of Civil Engineering and Architecture Research. Congratulations!

• The School of Allied Health (SAH) selects and recognizes their school-level Scholar of the Year. I am happy to inform you that the SAH Scholar of the Year Committee has determined that the SAH will have Co-Scholars of the Year for this award cycle. After an evaluation of the 2016 scholarly activity using selection criteria, there was a tie and Drs. Joan Davis and Michael Grey will both be named SAH’s Scholar of the Year. Please join me in offering them our congratulations!

• Southern Illinois University Public Safety Management and Presence St. Mary’s Hospital in Kankakee have joined in a venture to bring Paramedic training to that area beginning with this coming summer semester. The partnership between the Presence Hospital System and Southern Illinois University Public Safety Management Program is the first such program in Illinois. Presence St. Mary’s is nationally accredited by CoAEMSP. There are almost 700 paramedic programs nationwide; of those programs most are Certificates / Associates or just Certificate programs. There are only 13 programs in the nation, which are Bachelor Degree Programs. Of those, most are attached to a medical school. These medical schools see many students looking for a way to look well rounded on their way to PA (physician assistant) or MD (medical doctor) careers. The programs that can offer a 4-year degree to those who are performing the job and advancing through its ranks are the present and future of Fire Service / EMS (emergency medical services). Please join me in congratulating Gary Kistner and his team on their success and progress in program growth!

• SIU President’s Day Open House brought approximately 250 students and their families to campus. CASA tables were busy as always—and many students took advantage of Departmental Showcase opportunities in the afternoon hours. A big Thank-You to all our volunteers, especially our student ambassadors!
  • (ISAT): Shannon Gwaltney, Sam Chung, and Belle Woodward.
  • (SAH): Faith Miller, Tim Davis, Cydney Griffith, Michael Grey, Anthony Fleege, Marcea Walter, Quiana Jackson, Robert Broomfield, and Scott Collins.
  • (SOA): Jasmine Winters, Laura Kidd, John Dobbins, Norm Lach, and two student ambassadors.
  • (AUT): Eugene Talley, David Gilbert, Mike Behrmann, and two student ambassadors.
  • Aviation: Rachel Lee, Todd Dugan, Mike Burgener, and four student ambassadors.
  • Dean’s Office: Elaine Atwood, Thomas Shaw

Also congratulations on a first successful Open House in 2017!
ISAT students participated in the 2017 SIU Career Fair on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Many IT companies such as CISCO, CWS, Forensic IT, NUCOR etc. also visited ISAT to meet students and faculty in addition to present at the SIU Career Fair. They were making short classroom visits talking to juniors and seniors for internships as well as long-term employment opportunities. This was an exciting and successful day for ISAT students. Congratulations!

This last Saturday, February 25th, SIU and area boy scouts came together for the 2nd annual SIU STEM University. SIU Automotive Technology and Aviation Flight faculty and respective volunteer ambassadors held sessions at the TEC for credit towards a merit badge in automotive or aviation. The boy scouts were able to participate in many hands on activities designed to broaden their understanding of the automotive or aviation industry. Please join me in congratulating Dr. David Gilbert, Associate Professor of Automotive Technology, Jeff Hayes, Executive Transportation Pilot and Senior Lecturer of Aviation Flight, Kevin Miller, Assistant Instructor of Aviation Flight, and Mike Behrmann, Associate Dean and Chair of Automotive Technology for a successful outreach and recruiting event!

Below is a series of group pictures of the scouts along with their instructors and volunteers.

While multiple studies exist which identify student enrollment patterns at various institutions or within specific states, the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center recently (2015) conducted a nationwide study of 3.6 million students who entered college for the first time in fall 2008. The report found that over one third (37.2%) transferred to a different institution at least once within six years. Nationwide 14% of students start their postsecondary education in a
community college, then transfer to a four-year school and earn a bachelor’s degree within six years of entry. This means that we need to keep transfer students at the forefront of our effective enrollment management and services. CASA has so far more than one hundred articulation agreements with regional community colleges. The School of Allied Health (SAH) recently developed six articulation agreements with various community colleges in the region. Congratulations on a great job done!

Successful transfer articulation agreements go well beyond just a paper transfer agreement. Our advisors, faculty, and chairs/directors have to go to community colleges to build relationships in the region. We want to provide services to transfer students through partnerships that bridge admissions, registration, financial aid, academic advising, and other student support services at both institutions.

- Technically all students, according to developmental psychologists, are gifted at something. I find this particularly true for our CASA students. We are aware of the fact that giftedness is not always found in the classroom. Recently I learned many CASA students have musical talent. There is a large number of CASA students in the Marching Salukis who obviously love music, in addition to love their technical field of studies. Below is a partial list of CASA students in the SIU marching band:
  - Alan Lovekamp, Architectural Studies
  - Nathan Brady, Automotive Technology
  - Danielle Dobczyk, Aviation Flight
  - Ian Griffith, Aviation Flight
  - Ariel Gralewski, Aviation Flight
  - Michael Linley, Aviation Technologies
  - Kyle Koblas, Aviation Technologies
  - Christopher Malone, Aviation Technologies
  - Alana Lev, Fashion Design and Merchandising
  - My’esha Johnson-Wheeler, Fashion Design and Merchandising
  - Carissa Teal, Fashion Design and Merchandising
  - Heather Jett, Health Care Management
  - Nicholas Nigro, Information Systems Technologies
  - Xavier Aguirre, Information Systems Technologies
  - Elise Ratcliff, Interior Design
  - Lizbeth De Los Reyes, Radiologic Sciences
  - Taylor Dunning, Radiologic Sciences
  - Janelle Schaefer, Radiologic Sciences
  - Kristyn Southwood, Radiologic Sciences
  - Dana Delaurentis, Radiologic Sciences
If you see some of these students in your class, please congratulate them on their musical talent!

SURVEY DEVELOPMENT
During the SIU Assessment Conference at Morris Library last week, Associate Dean for Administration Tom Shaw talked to Dr. Tom Hovatter, Project Coordinator for Workforce Innovation and Research. Dr. Hovatter and his team would be willing to help CASA faculty with survey development if desired. Please feel free to contact Dr. Hovatter if you need a survey in your research or teaching projects. Below is the contact information:

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GREEN FUND APPLICATION
Proposals are now being accepted for the Green Fund awards at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Applications are due March 1, 2017, and the Green Fund Award recipients will be announced on April 21, the day before Earth Day 2017. Every current SIU student, faculty, staff, or campus unit is eligible to apply for a Green Fund project grant. Awards are granted up to two times each semester by the green Fund Committee, which is composed of one faculty, one staff, and the three student members of the Sustainability Council. Green Fund projects should advance sustainability on the SIU campus in one or more of the following areas: energy, water, waste, buildings, transportation, purchasing, grounds, food and dining, social equity, social practices, academics and research, and education and outreach. More information on Green Fund proposal and the rubric for evaluation are available at http://sustainability.siu.edu/green-fee/green-fund/index.php.

REACH AWARD COMPETITION
The annual undergraduate research/creative activity competition, the Research Enriched Academic Challenge (REACH) award competition is due Friday, March 10, 2017. The award is up to $1,500 to support original creative activity and research projects by undergraduate students working with a faculty mentor. Awarded projects also include the opportunity for REACH recipients to be paid for 10 hours per week through an undergraduate assistantship to work on their projects during the fall and spring semesters of the award period. Please encourage our students to apply before the deadline: March 10, 2017.

ON THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR
- Monday, February 27, 8:30am - 9:30am, APAP candidate interview, Anthony 311; 1:30pm - 2:30pm, APAP candidate public forum, Morris Library Guyon Auditorium.
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017: 11:00am - 12:30pm, Deans Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room; 1:30pm - 2:30pm, APAP candidate public forum, Morris Library Guyon Auditorium.
• Wednesday, March 1, 2017: All Day Event: SIU Day of Giving - [https://siuday.siu.edu/giving-day/1003/department/1378](https://siuday.siu.edu/giving-day/1003/department/1378); 8:30am - 9:30am, APAP candidate interview, Anthony 311.
• Thursday, March 2, 2017: 7:00pm, Chicago Bulls vs. Golden State Warriors, United Center, Chicago.
• Friday, March 3, 2017: 9:00am-4:30pm, Give Kids a Smile Day, School of Allied Health Community Dental Clinic.
• Saturday, March 4, 2017: 10:00am - 2:00pm, Saluki Celebration at Cardinal Nation, St. Louis.

AND FINALLY …

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send an email to my SIU email awang@siu.edu or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of anyone interested in receiving the CASA Dean’s MMU, please ask them to send me an email and we will gladly add them to our mailing list. If you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean’s MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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